

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence ~~that is~~ at least 80% identical to ~~the~~ ~~an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of~~ SEQ ID No:17 ~~or and~~ SEQ ID No:21, wherein said polypeptide interacts with a receptor protein Ret to trigger dimerization of the receptor protein Ret or autophosphorylation of a tyrosine kinase domain of the receptor protein Ret.

2. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 80% identical to the ~~amino acid~~ sequence of SEQ ID NO:17.

3. (Previously Presented) An isolated polypeptide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID No: 17 and SEQ ID No: 21.

4. (Previously Presented) The polypeptide of claim 3, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide is SEQ ID NO:21.

5. (Previously Presented) The polypeptide of claim 3, wherein the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide is SEQ ID NO:17.

6. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 80% identical to the ~~amino acid~~ sequence of SEQ ID NO:21.

7. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 90% identical to the ~~amino acid~~ sequence of SEQ ID NO:17.

8. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 90% identical to the ~~amino acid~~ sequence of SEQ ID NO:21.

9. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to the ~~amino acid~~ sequence of SEQ ID NO:17.

10. (Currently Amended) The polypeptide of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence is at least 95% identical to the ~~amino acid~~ sequence of SEQ ID NO:21.

11. (New) An isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:17 or SEQ ID NO:21.

12. (New) The polypeptide of claim 11, comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:21.

13. (New) The polypeptide of claim 11, comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:17.